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PLANNING COMMISSION FINISHED AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009 1:00 P.M.

I. NOTICES:

- A. This regular meeting of the Planning Commission could be viewed live on City TV-18, or with a computer via www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Government/Video/ and then clicking City TV-18 Live Broadcast. City TV-18 will also rebroadcast this meeting in its entirety on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the same week of the live broadcast. An archived video copy of this meeting will be viewable, on computers with high speed internet access, by the following Tuesday at www.santabarbaraca.gov and then clicking *Online Meetings*.
- B. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in these meetings, please contact the Planning Division at 805-564-5470. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.
- C. This agenda schedule was subject to change. It was recommended that applicants and interested persons planned to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties were encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and, when the item prior to the application of interest began, go to the Commission hearing.

- D. The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, please contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website under City Calendar to verify closure dates.
- E. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and agendas and reports are posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/pc. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department located at 630 Garden St., during normal business hours.

CALL TO ORDER: 1:02 P.M.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

A. Announcements and appeals.

** Announcements were made. **

B. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda.

** No public comment. **

ACTUAL TIME: 1:05 P.M.

III. <u>DISCUSSION ITEM:</u>

ALTERNATIVE BUILDING HEIGHTS CHARTER AMENDMENT

The City Council has requested input on a possible Charter Amendment that would reduce building height limits in certain commercial zones (C-2, C-M and M-1). Staff will present and solicit input on the design and land use issues associated with reducing the heights from 60-feet to 45-feet in these commercial zones with some exceptions for affordable housing projects, rental housing and community priority uses. The discussion will include a variable front yard setback in the C-2 and C-M zones as well as additional open space requirements for projects that are determined to be exceptions.

Case Planner: Beatriz Gularte, Project Planner

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** Discussion held. **

ACTUAL TIME: 4:13 P.M.

IV. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:</u>

A. Committee and Liaison Reports.

** Reports not given. **

B. Review of the decisions of the Staff Hearing Officer in accordance with SBMC §28.92.080.

** Review not held. **

- A. Action on the review and consideration of the following Draft Minutes and Resolutions:
 - a. Draft Minutes of January 8, 2009
 - b. Resolution 001-09600 Block of State Street and 119 E. Cota Street
 - c. Resolution 002-09 1600 Cecil Cook Place
 - d. Resolution 003-09 3885 and 3887 State Street

** Continued to the February 12, 2009, meeting. **

V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

** Meeting adjourned at 4:16 P.M. **